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**ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF GAME AND FISHERIES
Joint Board Committee
January 17, 2016, Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks**

MEETING SUMMARY

The Joint Board Committee met on Sunday, January 17, 2016 in Fairbanks at the Alpine Lodge. The purpose of the committee meeting was to continue discussions from [the December 9, 2015 committee meeting](#) regarding changes to Board of Game and Board of Fisheries processes that could result in budget savings for the state agencies involved with the boards. Committee members present from the Board of Fisheries were Bob Mumford (Co-chair), Reed Morisky, Orville Huntington, and John Jensen (alternate). Committee members from the Board of Game were Ted Spraker (Co-chair) and Teresa Sager Albaugh. BOF Chairman Tom Kluberton also attended the meeting. The meeting was open to the public and was chaired by Bob Mumford. Public comments were solicited but no public testimony was taken. Meeting materials are available online at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=jbcomm.meetinginfo.

To begin the discussion, Glenn Haight, BOF Executive Director, clarified the committee's authority and guided members through options for potential action which included no action, recommendations for boards-specific policy changes, and recommendations for boards-related regulatory changes. Specific details for these options are presented in a memo to the committee dated January 16, 2016. The Department of Law clarified the committee's authority for making recommendations to each board and that neither the committee nor the boards have administrative authority of ADF&G. Mr. Haight provided a summary of public comments and the public survey results. He noted there were several survey responses by ADF&G employees and former employees which were separated from the compilation of public responses. He also provided a brief summary of ADF&G division expenses related to the boards which included travel expenses and staff time invested towards board and advisory committee meetings.

Committee members appreciated hearing suggestions from the public and discussed some of the ideas including changes to AC membership for some rural ACs to reduce travel expenses, use of fish and game funds for the boards and ACs, proposal vetting through the AC system, meeting locations and venues, changes to the BOF committee process, and elimination of nonessential items such coffee service. The committee requested ADF&G contact the Department of Military and Veterans affairs to inquire about the use of National Guard armory buildings for meeting venues. The committee discussed concerns about proposals included in proposal books that either do not make the Call for Proposals or the boards do not have authority to act upon. Chairman Spraker commented that Senate Bill SB 68 would modify the antlerless moose reauthorization process which if passed, would reduce the number of proposals considered by the

BOG each year. The committee requested ADF&G to look at the various ideas and determine if any should be implemented.

Overall, the committee did not favor recommendations having significant changes such as changing to a five-year cycle for the BOF. The committee supported modifications to the proposal solicitation and review process and requested committee members for each board work with the boards' executive directors to develop findings that provide for the categories of:

1. Criteria for soliciting and publishing proposals
2. Delegation to ADF&G for housekeeping or technical type of issues
3. Consent agenda criteria and implementation

Draft findings will be developed and displayed for public review and comment on the Boards Support website. The boards would separately take up the draft findings at their next available meetings under miscellaneous business. This will be noticed by each board prior to the meetings.

The committee adjourned approximately 12:15 and did not schedule a future meeting.